

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 1071 — Health Care Accrediting Organizations

by Health Innovation Subcommittee and Rep. Antone (CS/CS/SB 594 by Rules Committee; Banking and Insurance Committee; and Senator Bean)

The bill amends ss. 154.11, 394.741, 397.403, 400.925, 400.9935, 402.7306, 408.05, 430.80, 440.13, 627.645, 627.668, 627.669, 627.736, 641.495, and 766.1015, F.S., to replace requirements that health care entities be accredited by specific accreditation organizations with general provisions requiring health care entities to be accredited by an accrediting organization whose standards incorporate comparable licensure regulations required by this state and, where appropriate, is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The bill amends s. 395.3038, F.S., to delete an outdated provision requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to notify hospitals that it is creating a registry of primary and comprehensive stroke centers.

The bill also amends s. 486.102, F.S., to specify that any regional or national institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United State Department of Education, as well as the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education, are appropriate accrediting agencies for the purpose of approving courses for the preparation of physical therapist assistants.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013

Vote: Senate 33-0; House 115-1